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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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USDEL FPJMT SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 17699

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJ: VC ATTACK ON ICCS SUPPORT VEHICLE

REF: A. CAN THO 756 (NOTAL) B. SAIGON 17627

1. US MISSION PURSUED ITS EFFORTS TO GAIN RELEASE OF ICCS
PA&E CONTRACTOR ELM AND TWO VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES AMBUSHED
IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE BY APPROACHING PRG THROUGH FPJMT AND
TPJMC ON OCT 9.

2. USDEL FPJMT CHIEF, COLONEL TOMBAUCH, CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF
OF PRG DELEGATION MAJOR SINH WHO SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THE
INCIDENT BUT DID NOT HAVE ANY FACTS. COLONEL TOMBAUGH RECOUNTED
THE KNOWN FACTS AND LEFT A FACT SHEET FOR MAJOR SINH'S INFORMATION.
COLONEL TOMBAUGH STATED US OBJECTIVES AS TWOFOLD; A) THAT ELM, IF
WOUNDED AS REPORTED, RECEIVE IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND B)
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THAT ELM AND HIS TWO VIETNAMESE BE RETURNED TO US AND RVN

AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COLONEL TOMBAUGH REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PRG DELEGATION IN CONTACTING PRG AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION AND RETURN OF THE CAPTIVES.

3. MAJOR SINH LISTENED POLITELY TO COLONEL TOMBAUGH'S PRESENTATION AND STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED BY COLONEL TOMBAUGH. MAJOR SINH INDICATED THAT IF HE RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CASE HE WOULD PASS IT ALONG TO THE US DELEGATION.

4. LATE ON AFTERNOON OCTOBER 9, EMBOFF DELIVERED ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF PA&E LETTER TO TPJMC TO DEPUTY CHIEF GVN DELEGATION, BGEN HIEP. HIEP STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE COLONEL DOA, HIS ASSISTANT C OF S FOR CONFERENCES (WHO PERIODICALLY SUBSTITUTES FOR HIM AT CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETINGS), PASS COPY OF LETTER TO PRG TODAY, OCTOBER 10. PA&E LETTER STATES KNOWN FACTS OF CASE AND REQUESTS TPJMC CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS AND EFFECT RELEASE OF PERSONNEL.

5. GENERAL HIEP WILL HIMSELF RAISE ISSUE AT NEXT CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETING, OCTOBER 12.

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